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SUBJECT: SIERRA LEONE LOCAL ELECTIONS UPDATE

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[1](#)1. (SBU) As of 1500 hours, Sierra Leone's local elections have proceeded smoothly and peacefully. Emboffs observing the elections estimate voter turnout from opening of polls at 0700 hours to be 40%, though precedent from the 2007 Presidential run-off indicates a late afternoon surge of voters is likely. Mission monitoring teams will observe the counting process following the polls' closing at 1700 hours, and will report any significant status changes via septel, as necessary.
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